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AMEMBASSY LAGOS  
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AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE

C O N F I D E N T I A L NDJAMENA 2103

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MOPS, PEPR, PINS  
SUBJ: SITUATION IN CHAD

SUMMARY: FRENCH AMBASSADOR, WHO RETURNED YESTERDAY  
FROM FRANCO/AFRICAN SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN PARIS, BRIEFED  
ME TODAY ON CHADIAN DEVELOPMENTS AT THE CONFERENCE.  
HE SAID THAT PRESIDENT MALLOUM HAD ASKED FOR BOTH MORE  
FRENCH TROOPS AND MORE DIRECT BUDGETARY ASSISTANCE.  
BOTH ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION. WE ALSO COVERED LOCAL  
SECURITY AND POLITICAL SCENE IN WHICH MOST IMPORTANT  
DEVELOPMENT IS EXPECTATION OF NEW REBEL ATTACK BEFORE  
JUNE 7.

1. PRESIDENT MALLOUM HAD ASKED IN PARIS FOR MORE  
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FRENCH TROOPS, AND MORE LATITUDE IN THEIR EMPLOYMENT.  
FRENCH ARE CONSIDERING FIRST POINT, BUT DO NOT WISH  
TO CHANGE DEFENSIVE NATURE OF THEIR TACTICS.  
HOWEVER, FRENCH RECOGNIZE THAT MALLOUM GOVERN-  
MENT BADLY NEEDS A QUOTE VICTORY UNQUOTE TO BOLSTER  
ITS POSITION THROUGHOUT COUNTRY. MALLOUM ALSO ASKED  
FOR IMMEDIATE BUDGETARY SUPPORT, NOTING THAT

GOVERNMENT COULD NOT MEET ITS MAY PAYROLL. FRENCH ARE SYMPATHETICALLY CONSIDERING THIS REQUEST. MALLOUM HAD ALSO AGAIN AGREED TO CHANGE THE COMPOSITION OF THE PRESENT PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT BY INCLUDING MORE CIVILIANS AND MORE MOSLEMS. HOWEVER, NO EXACT TIME HAS BEEN AGREED FOR THIS CHANGE.

2. REBEL FORCES ARE MASSING NORTH OF ATI AT DJEDAA AND AT SALAL. FRENCH EXPECT A REBEL ATTACK AT ONE OR THE OTHER SPOT BEFORE PROPOSED JUNE 7 MEETING IN TRIPOLI. PURPOSE OF THE ATTACK WOULD BE BOTH TO SHOW REBEL STRENGTH AND TO FORCE FRENCH TO USE THEIR AIR POWER AGAIN. IN LATTER CONNECTION, AMBASSADOR SAID EARLIER REPORTS OF EXTENSIVE CIVILIAN CASUALTIES IN ATI (SEE NDJAMENA 2026) WERE GROSSLY EXAGGERATED AND THAT MOST OF THE FIGHTING HAD OCCURRED OUTSIDE OF THE TOWN AND THERE WERE PROBABLY NOT MORE THAN ONE OR TWO CIVILIAN CASUALTIES.

3. IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED JUNE 7 MEETING IN TRIPOLI, IT IS CLEAR THAT CHADIAN GOVERNMENT STILL INTENDS TO SEND A DELEGATION (PROBABLY HEADED BY VICE PRESIDENT DJIME BUT DEFINITELY NOT INCLUDING EITHER MINISTERS GOUARA LASSOU OR MAHAMOUND WHO ARE CONSIDERED PRO-LIBYAN). EARLIER REBEL DENUNCIATION  
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OF BENGHAZI AGREEMENT LEAVES IN DOUBT THEIR ATTENDANCE.

4. A THIRD POLICEMAN HAS BEEN SHOT AND KILLED IN NDJAMENA BUT LOCAL AUTHORITIES STILL ATTRIBUTE THESE DEATHS TO INTERNAL FEUDS RATHER THAN FROLINAT ACTION.

5. SECURITY SITUATION AROUND ABEICHE REMAINS CALM.

6. FOREIGN MINISTER KAMOUGUE IS AT PRESENT IN LIBREVILLE CONFERRING WITH OAU PRESIDENT BONGO AND ALSO REBEL LEADER ABBA SIDDICK. HE IS DUE TO RETURN NDJAMENA TOMORROW. BRADFORD

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